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- Soldier Hollow Golf Course to Host 2012 U.S. Amateur Public Links
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SOLDIER HOLLOW GOLF COURSE TO HOST 2012 U.S. AMATEUR PUBLIC LINKS

Far Hills, N.J. (March 16) – Solider Hollow Golf Course at Wasatch Mountain State Park in Midway, Utah, has been selected by the United States Golf Association as the site of the 2012 U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship. It will be the first USGA Championship conducted in the state of Utah. The dates of the championship are July 9-14, 2012.

"It is an honor for Soldier Hollow at Wasatch Mountain State Park to be selected as the site for this prestigious championship," said Utah State Parks Director Mary Tullius. "We are very proud to host the very best of amateur sport as we did for the Olympic Winter Games in 2002."

Solider Hollow, which opened in 2004, is located in Wasatch Mountain State Park, approximately 50 miles from Salt Lake City. Designed by Gene Bates, Solider Hollow is on the site of the biathlon and cross country skiing venue for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games, making it the only golf course in the United States with this distinction. The facility, which includes the Silver and Gold Courses, is located in the Heber Valley and in the shadow of Mount Timpanogos. For the championship, 17 holes from the Gold Course and one hole from the Silver Course will be used.

"This is an exciting opportunity for Utah and our golf community. We have a rich history of golf in this state and we look forward to sharing it with the rest of the country," Utah Golf Association Executive Director Thomas Pagel.

With Utah's addition to the list of states which have hosted USGA championships, only Alaska, New Hampshire and South Dakota have yet to host.

The U.S. Amateur Public Links was first contested in 1922 as a way to give public course players an opportunity to compete for a national championship. It is open to amateur golfers who are bona fide public course players and hold a USGA Handicap Index not exceeding 4.4.

About the USGA

The USGA is the national governing body of golf in the USA and Mexico. The USGA annually conducts the U.S. Open, U.S. Women's Open, U.S. Senior Open and 10

national amateur championships. It also conducts two state team championships and helps conduct the Walker Cup Match, Curtis Cup Match and World Amateur Team Championships.

The USGA also writes the Rules of Golf, conducts equipment testing, provides expert course maintenance consultations, funds research for better turf and a better environment, maintains a Handicap System®, celebrates the history of the game, and administers an ongoing “For the Good of the Game” grants program, which has allocated more than \$65 million over 13 years to successful programs that bring the game’s values to youths from disadvantaged backgrounds and people with disabilities. For more information about the USGA, visit www.usga.org.

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UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

March 27 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse
Hands on Bison: Join the park naturalist from 1 to 3 p.m. for an in-depth look at our most famous resident, the bison. Enjoy activities including roping, touchable items, photos, and handouts. (801) 721-9569

April 1 - May 31 Antelope Island State Park – Syracuse
Photography Exhibit: Discover the works of Al Perry on display in the visitor center art gallery. (801) 725-9263.

April 3 Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum - Blanding
Navajo Weaving: Join anthropologist and textile consultant Dr. Laurie Webster at 10 a.m. for a free presentation introducing the history of Navajo weaving, cross-cultural influences, and the rise of regional rug styles. (435) 678-2238

April 3 Utah Field House of Natural History State Park Museum - Vernal
Museum Easter Egg Hunt: Children up to 10 years old may participate in the annual Easter egg hunt inside the museum at 9 a.m. Bring your own basket or bag to collect eggs to redeem for prizes. (435) 789-3799

April 4 Fremont Indian State Park and Museum - Sevier
Easter Sunrise Service: Join Reverend Craig Schmidt from the First Baptist Church of Richfield at 6:30 a.m. for the outdoors service. Visitors are encouraged to dress warmly and bring blankets. After the service, visitors are welcome inside for hot drinks and a potluck breakfast. (435) 527-4631

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